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SUBJECT: VESCO'S MEXICAN LAWYER

1. LIC. AGUILAR Y QUEVEDO IS THE LAW PARTNER OF AN ATTORNEY WITH WHOM EMBASSY'S CONSULAR SECTION HAS HAD EXTENSIVE DEALINGS: LIC. CLAUDIO LOPEZ GUZMAN. THEIR FIRM HAS HANDLED TWO CASES OF AMCITS ARRESTED HERE ON NARCOTICS CHARGES, ONE OF WHOSE CASE WAS FINALLY DISMISSED, WHILE THE OTHER REMAINS IN PRISON IN MEXICO CITY.

2. EMBASSY DEALINGS WITH LOPEZ HAVE PERSUADED CONSULAR OFFICERS THAT FIRM IS SOMEWHAT MORE ETHICAL AND RESPONSIBLE THAN THE AVERAGE. LOPEZ, FOR EXAMPLE, AVOIDED EXTRAVAGANT PROMISES TO HIS AMCIT CLIENTS AND SIMPLY PROMISED TO DO HIS BEST WITH THE AVAILABLE EVIDENCE.

3. LOPEZ COOPERATED CLOSELY WITH THE EMBASSY IN ITS REVIEW OF ONE OF THESE CASES--ALWAYS SHOWING UP FOR APPOINTMENTS, RETURNING CALLS PROMPTLY, AND READILY SUPPLYING INFORMATION ON THE CASE. HE HAS ALSO BEEN RESPONSIVE TO REQUESTS FOR HELP FROM EMBOFFS ON GENERAL LEGAL QUESTIONS. HOWEVER, HE REFUSED TO HAVE HIS FIRM INCLUDED ON THE EMBASSY'S LIST OF ATTORNEYS BECAUSE HE SAID IT WAS NOT INTERESTED IN HANDLING ANY MORE
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NARCOTICS CASES.

4. AGUILAR AND LOPEZ ARE REPORTEDLY FRIENDS OF LOS ANGELES ATTORNEY MARVIN CAHN (WHO HAD PREVAILED UPON THEM TO TAKE THE NARCOTICS CASES).

5. THE FIRM'S OFFICES, LOCATED VERY NEAR THE EMBASSY, ARE PLUSH AND INDICATIVE OF FINANCIAL SUCCESS. THERE ARE BELIEVED TO BE AT LEAST TWO OTHER PARTNERS IN THE FIRM. OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: 525-8117; 514-5008; AND 511-8882.
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